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Dear Hal:

I received your most recent letter a few days ago and am replying over the week-end when I have more time to respond.

I appreciate your very wise medical advice & I agree with you on both the question of the enlarged prostate and on the question of whether prostate cancer is to be considered as seriously as some state. You're right about the enlarged prostate: it appears that many, many men have it & it poses no serious medical problem. Ditto on the question of a cancerous one—if it is checked upon early in time. As my tests so far have indicated I show no signs of cancerous prostate, so it is only a prostate (enlarged) I'll be dealing with. Since urination is no problem for me I guess this means I'll be able to live with what I have. I'm also being tested for possible colon

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Cancer (no - I've not been diagnosed as having it - they're merely testing for it). So far no such indication of that either. When I went to see the doctor on this I told him that I had recently read in the paper that a newly devised test procedure had been discovered where they test the toilet bowl water to indicate for this and he replied, "Well, guess what - this is exactly what I'm giving you now to take!" (I'll be mailing samples of my own testing to the doctor in a day or two).

So far it looks as if internally nothing serious to concern myself about. Well, so much for news about me on my "medical front".

Paul Hoch called me up a few days ago & said he'd heard from you & that you were concerned about my not writing for some time. I told him that I had responded after some delay. I asked Paul to write you & he said he would. He said there was nothing new in the JFK case except what passes for "news" on the Internet & I said I'd heard there was a lot of nonsense being sent out but that was to be expected. It is a lot like the number of ridiculous books printed on the case having nothing to do with reality.

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I asked Paul Hoch if he had any idea as to why Groden was used by the O.J. Simpson defense team & Paul said he had heard that Michael Baden had possibly recommended him. As you know Baden was on the HSCA and, thus, knew of Groden & his work. Paul didn't tell me where he'd heard this rumor.

As I wrote in my previous letter, if you want me to I could contact Dennis Effle in L.A. or David Lifton to find out how Groden got involved. Also, I could even call up Groden on the phone & ask him directly. Let me know if you want me to do any of these.

Finally, I'm enclosing the articles & news clippings as I ~~previously~~ previously mentioned. The Penthouse article on the ARRB as I've suggested is really a "puff" piece & adds nothing new even though the article is subtitled "New Disclosures about the Kennedy Assassination." The subtitle isn't that at all as you'll see from reading the article. Again, who is Wallach (the author) anyway?!

The other articles (besides the James Earl Ray stuff) are being sent not because I agree with them (there are good points in some of them but bad in many) but because I thought you'd be interested in them.

Anyway, that is all I have for now & I hope to hear from you soon.

Best,

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